



Defense Finance and Accounting Service

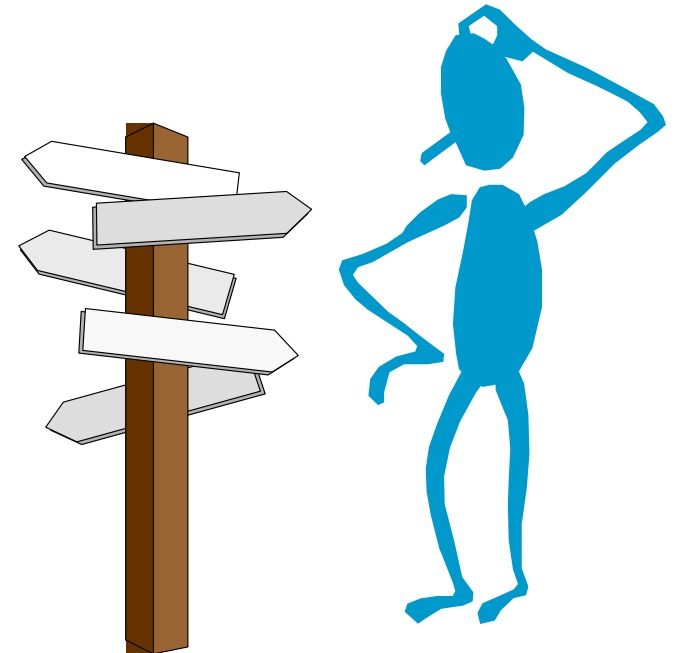
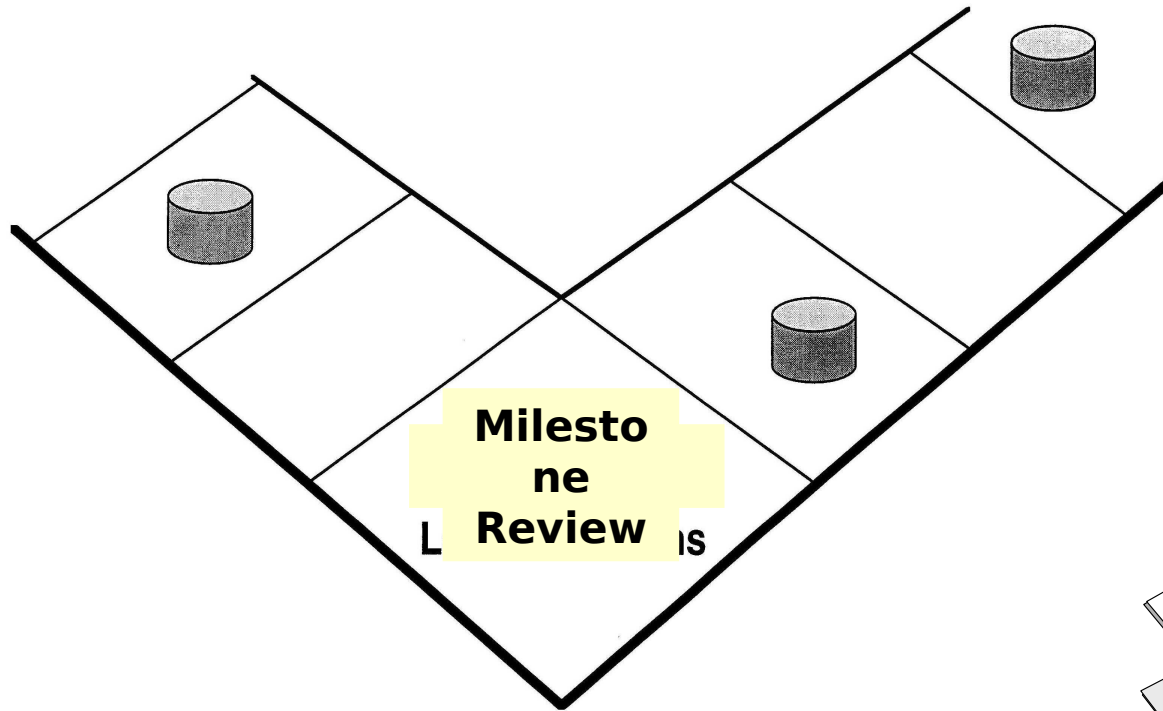
Tailoring the SLC

Your Financial Partner @Work

**DFAS-DTC
2002 & 2003**

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Must it be this way? No!

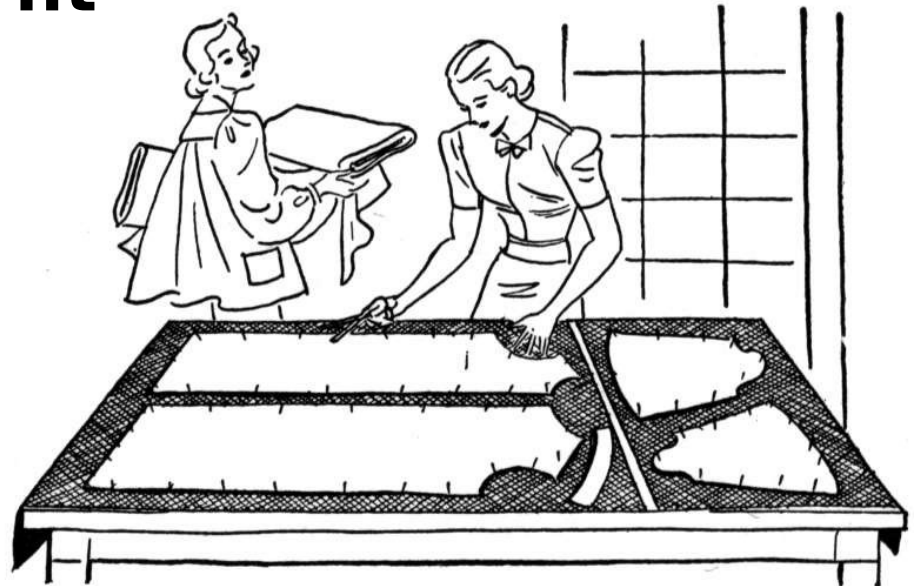


Tailoring



Tailoring from a Pattern

- Having a Pattern to follow, one can:
 - adjust the size,
 - fit the nature of a different fabric,
 - add trim and appearance features,
 - alter sections to fit different needs,
 - reuse styles and techniques
- and still be following the Pattern!!



Short Cuts



“If we do not bother taking soil samples, we can save 5,000 Lira and two weeks.”

Levels of Tailoring

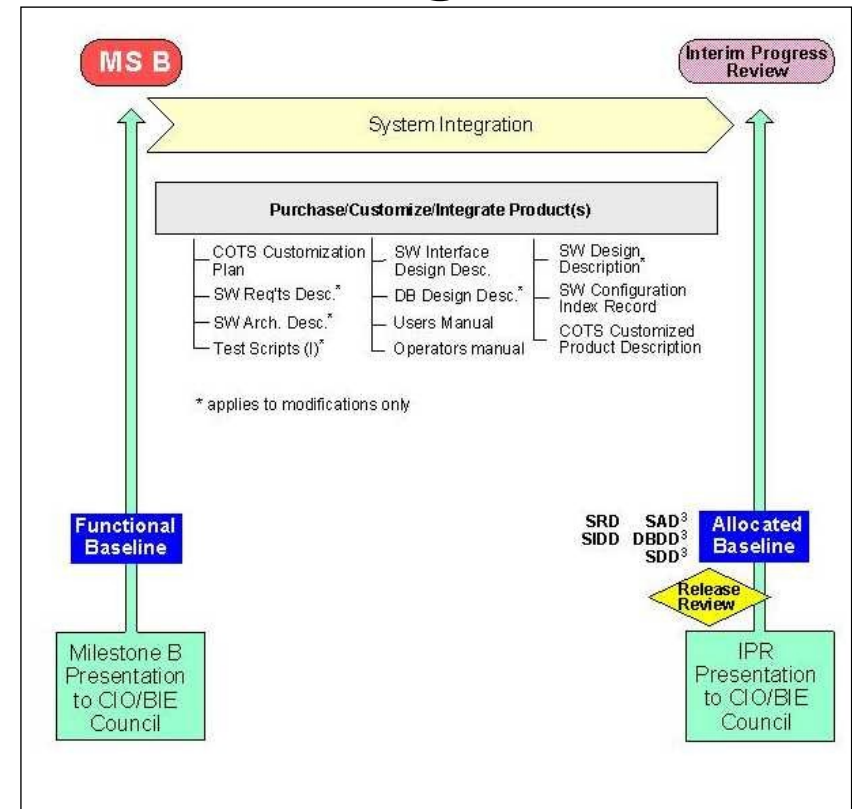
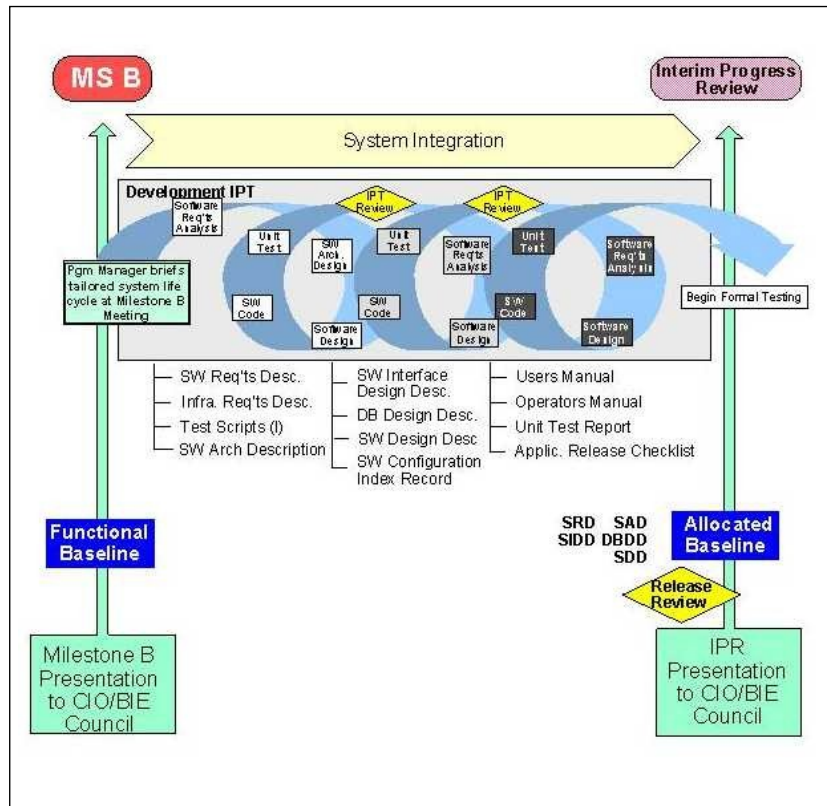
- **Tailoring:** a change to, or elimination of, some aspect of the DFAS SLC that involves an educated assessment of trade-offs and risks.
 - e.g., the addition or removal of a task is tailoring the life cycle.
- **Project Implementation:** a project's decision on the way in which an SLC feature will be implemented.
 - e.g., choosing to use a different format for an information product that is equivalent in content.

Alternative Choices - Implementation Decisions

Develop

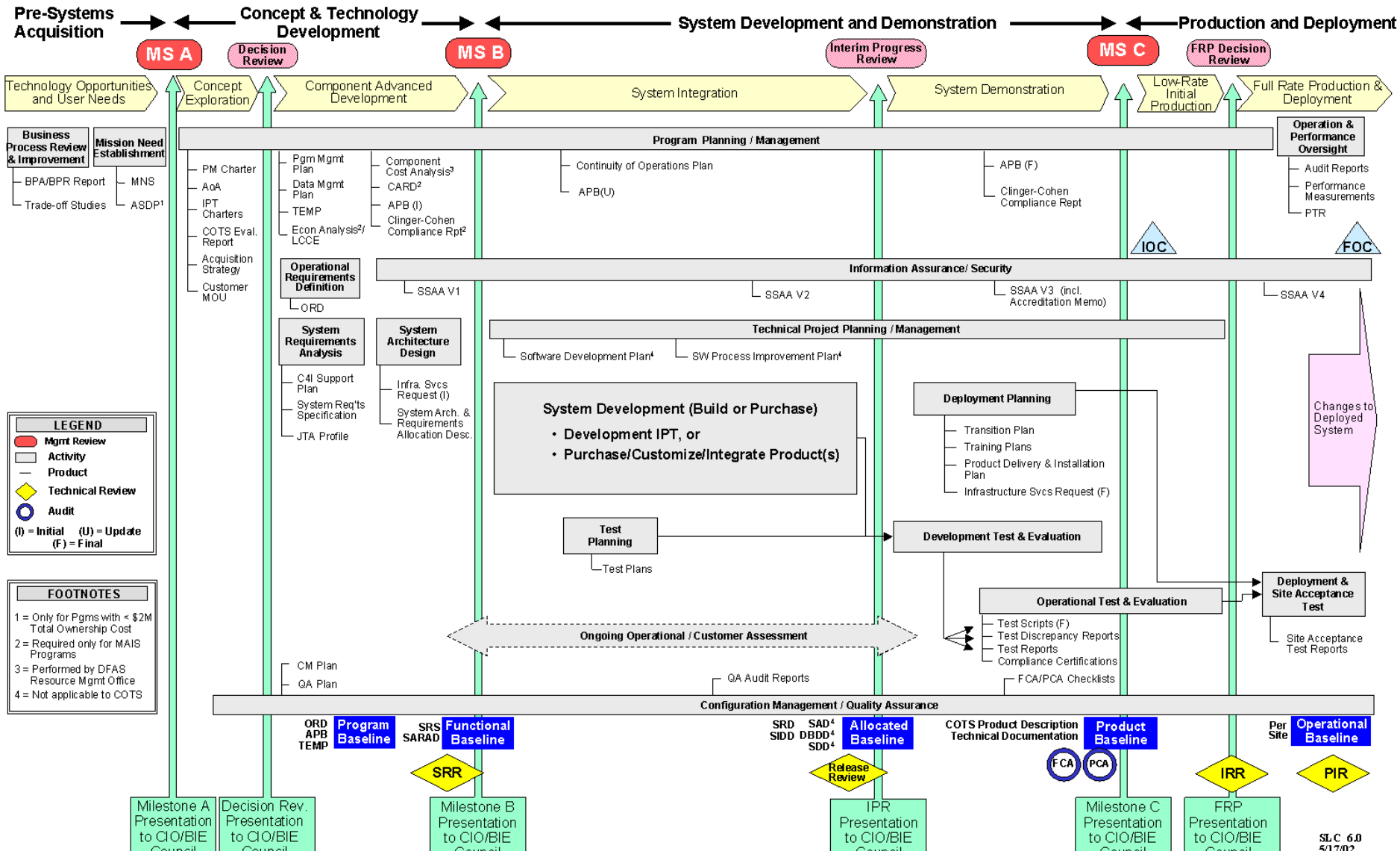
OR

**Purchase /
Customize /
Integrate**



Tailoring Opportunities

DFAS System Life Cycle - System Acquisition



Performance Contracts

- **Customer MOUs**
- **PM Charter**
- **Requirements Specs**



**Between
the
Program
and TSO**



**Between
DFAS
and the
Customer**



**Between
Business Line
Executives
and the
CIO/BIE Council**



**Between
MDA
and the
PM**

As the Program Manager / System Manager

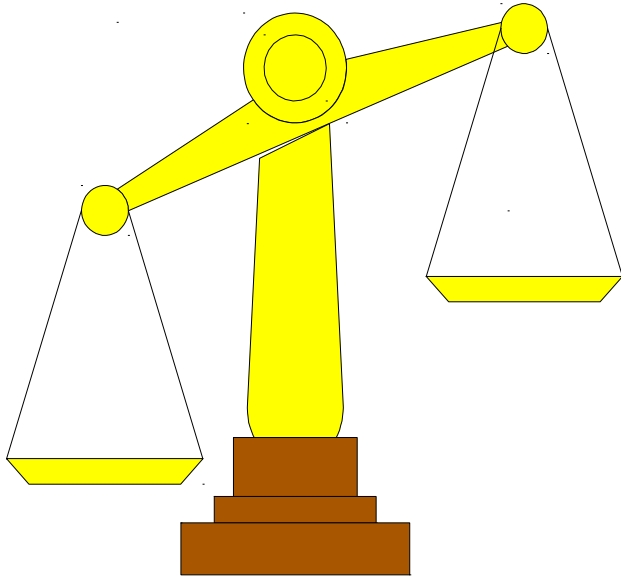


- **How much Risk are YOU willing to take on?**

SLC is your way to ensure that the risk level of the project is appropriate and well-justified.



Kinds of Trade-off Issues



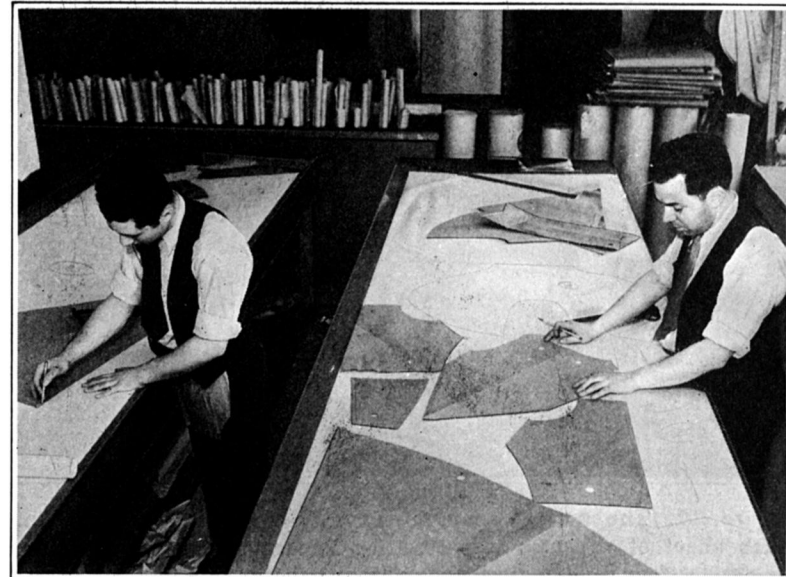
- **Information content vs. documents / formats**
- **Activities / Tasks**
 - full, partial, skipped
- **External reporting needs**
- **Information needs of later tasks vs. time & effort on earlier tasks**

Careful Evaluation of Risk vs. Benefit



Tailoring Help

- **Active assistance in SLC tailoring**
 - **Provide SLC expertise**
 - **Identify risks and issues**
 - **Advise on typical tailoring adjustments**
 - **Tools that can help**
- **“Who ya gonna call?”**
 - **DTC, Dave Conner**
 - **SESO, Jim Palecek**



Partnering with the SLC

